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WEATHER

Rainfall amounts were good over the State with one to two inches over the eastern half falling off to near a quarter of an inch in the Panhandle. Nearly three inches fell at Nebraska City. With warm nights prevailing, temperatures were near or a little above normal throughout the period.

CROPS

Moisture received in many areas of the State this past week improved slightly the fall seeded crops and pastures. The moisture also slowed harvest of fall crops temporarily. Until rain was received, the grains' moisture content was low enough to require little or no artificial drying.

Nebraska farmers and ranchers main activities have been harvesting fall crops, moving cattle to stalk fields, and doing fall fieldwork. Due to the rain received, only 4 days were suitable for fieldwork during our survey period (October 26-November 1). Topsoil moisture supplies were still short in 63% of the counties reporting. Subsoil moisture supplies were short in all counties reporting. Additional moisture is needed for fall seeded crops and pastures in most areas.

Corn harvest is well ahead of normal, but has slowed this past week. Over 70% has been harvested to date, ahead of the normal of 60% and a year ago at 45%. Central and south central districts report over 80% harvested. Moisture content averaged 18%, down 3 points from last year and the same as a week ago.

Sorghum harvest was also slowed by the recent rains in many areas of the State. Nearly 85% has been harvested so far, normal is 75% by now, but a year ago at this time harvest was 90% complete. Over 90% has been harvested in the north central, central, and south central districts. Moisture content averaged 18%, up 3 points from last year and down 1 point from last week.

Soybean harvest has progressed well over the State with over 95% harvested to date, the same as last year and compared to a normal of 90%. Harvest is virtually complete in the northeast, central, southwest, and south central districts. Moisture content averaged 10%, down 3 points from a year ago and 1 point from last week.

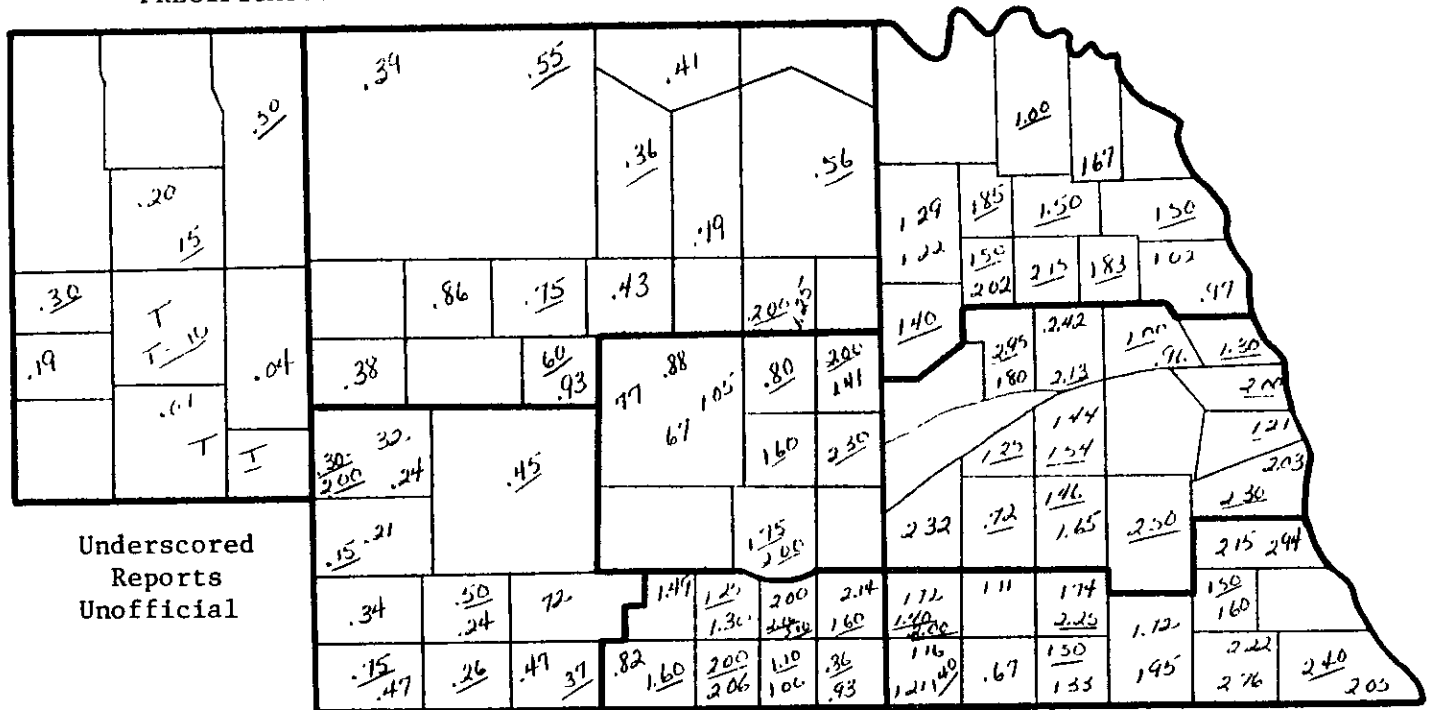
Sugar beet harvest is nearly complete in western Nebraska. Yield and sugar content are reported to be good.

Wheat condition over the State improved slightly with the recent rains. Of the counties reporting, 33% assess the condition as poor, 58% as fair, 8% as good, 1% as excellent. With recent rains, a few farmers have indicated they will try to plant more wheat. Additional moisture will be needed for continued growth before winter. A few greenbugs were seen in several wheat fields in the northwest district.

LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies are short in 98% of the counties reporting. Cattle are still being moved to stubble fields as grain harvest is completed. Calves may weigh lighter than normal due to the poor pasture conditions. Some culling of cows is continuing.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1974



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1974

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 8:00 P.M. Sunday,						
Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	67	28	44	--	.53
	Scottsbluff	68	30	43	-1	.72
	Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC	Burwell	66	30	48	--	.98
	Valentine	65	28	44	+1	.74
NE	Norfolk	68	37	50	+4	1.66
	Sioux City	69	35	53	+7	1.40
CEN	Grand Island	63	32	49	+2	1.54
EC	Lincoln	70	35	53	+5	2.62
	Omaha	73	39	55	+6	1.78
SW	Imperial	62	28	47	--	.33
	North Platte	63	26	45	+1	.45

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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